

DESERTED WIFE, KILLED HIMSELF FOR ANOTHER

J. G. Koehler Chooses
Death When Left By
Woman.

Leaves Note Demand-
ing That She Be
Punished.

A life that made him ashamed of his name brought John G. Koehler to death by his own hand in a room he and a woman for whom he had an unholy love had occupied three weeks.

The story of this tragedy brings in every possible element of human tragedy. It tells of a wife and little children deserted by the husband and father, of an aged mother left ill and nearly dying by her widowed daughter, of a life of sin and quarreling between the erring husband, of the desertion of the man by the woman, and of the suicide of the man with a plaintive cry in his heart for vengeance on the woman.

Wanted Bessie Phelps Punished.

After addressing to the unknown persons who might find his dead body a pitiful plea that they punish Bessie Phelps, who deserted him after he had deserted his wife and two children for her, Koehler, an expert furniture finisher in the establishment of W. B. Moses & Sons, turned on the gas and asphyxiated himself in a room at 121 Tenth street northwest late yesterday afternoon.

Going under the name of Henry Phelps, Koehler rented two rooms on the top floor of the Tenth street house three weeks ago with a woman, who passed as his wife and gave her name as Mrs. Bessie Phelps. This was her real name. Sunday morning Mrs. Phelps left Koehler and went to Aurora, Ill., with the remains of her mother, who had just died.

The couple quarreled before Mrs. Phelps departed.

Body Lying on Bed.

When the proprietor of the house broke open the door he had had a couple, he found the man's dead body lying across the bed. One gas jet was turned on. The body was still warm.

On the bed near the body lay the following bitter plea from the ruined man for vengeance on the woman with whom he had sinned:

"Please give this to my mother, who lives at 1634 New Jersey avenue, and tell her the cause of this act is a woman by the name of Phelps. She has ruined me. That is why I went by the name of Phelps here. She is now in Aurora, Ill., where her people live, and has all of my money and they have plenty out there."

"Have something done with her. Don't forget the name, Bessie Phelps. She is the cause of this. I am not the first one. Her husband killed himself. She has a sister living at 421 Main street, Jacksonville, Fla., named Harris."

Talked of His Misery.

Saturday night Koehler talked despondently with some of the people in the house, saying he had had bad luck all his life and was tired of it. He went bitterly and declared that nothing he ever attempted ended in anything but misery for him.

The last seen of him was Sunday morning, when he brought to the house a baggage wagon to take the trunks to the railroad station. All day Monday no one in the house caught sight of him, and it was thought he had gone with the Phelps woman to Illinois. Late yesterday, however, the odor of escaping gas was detected, and the door of his room was broken in. He was found dead.

At the shops of W. B. Moses & Sons, where Koehler was employed at a salary of \$18 a week, one of his acquaintances told this afternoon:

"Koehler told me about that woman, and I advised him to keep away from her."

"But he wouldn't take my advice. Last week he was flourishing \$300 around here, and created the impression the Phelps woman had given it to him. I understand, however, that the \$300 was the money he had saved in the past several years, and that the Phelps woman got it all."

Corner Nevitt gave a certificate of suicide.

CUBAN ARMY PLAN NOT STAFF'S IDEA

Maj. Gen. J. Franklin Bell, chief of staff of the army, has issued a statement denying that the plans for the increase of the regular guard of Cuba to a regular standing army of 10,000 troops and 2,000 artillery was conceived by the General Staff. Such an increase was authorized by the Cuban congress some time ago, it is pointed out, and the plans were drawn up by General Rodriguez, commander of the Cuban army, at the suggestion of Secretary Taft that the Cubans have an army for guard duty to succeed the withdrawal of the American troops following the elections. The plans were submitted to the general staff for its expert opinion, and they were approved.

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Miss Terry's Bridegroom Youthful Hoosier Actor, Recently Leading Man



THE BRIDE AND BRIDEGROOM, In Act One of Shaw's "Captain Brassbound's Conversion," Recently Seen at the New National; Miss Terry as Lady Cecily Wayneleete, Mr. Carey as Captain Brassbound.

Marriage Kept Secret for Weeks for Fear of Jokes.

PITTSBURG, May 7.—It was through the influence of James R. Bell, an attorney and friend of James Carey, Ellen Terry's leading man, who was married to the famous English actress March 22 in this city, that no record of the issuance of the license was made at the court house. In that manner the marriage was covered up.

The day of the marriage Miss Terry, Mr. Carey, and Mr. Bell, and Benjamin H. Thompson, another attorney, visited the marriage license office. Carey was asked the usual questions, declaring himself an actor, his place of residence, New York; his birthplace, Goshen, Ind.; his age, thirty-one, and declaring that he had never been married before.

Miss Terry said: "I have been married twice before. My second husband died. My real name is Ellen Alice Wardell. Wardell having been the name of my last husband. My age is fifty-nine years."

Miss Terry's Career.

There is probably no actress on the English-speaking stage today who so holds the esteem and admiration of theatergoers of two continents as Ellen Terry. The most convincing proof of this is to be had in the brilliant arrangements some months ago in England for the celebration of her fiftieth anniversary on the stage, when all London went down before her and gave Miss Terry an ovation that has rarely been known in the history of the stage. The performance on her anniversary day brought into the box office of the Drury Lane Theatre \$20,000.

From her life on the stage and through such connection with the public as professional people enjoy it was often assumed that she was a spinster. She not only had been married twice before her union with James Carey, but is a grandmother as well. Miss Terry's first husband was the celebrated English painter, George Frederic Watts, with whom she spent a most unhappy existence, finally obtaining a divorce. Subsequently Miss Terry married Charles Wardell, the English actor, known to the stage as Charles Kelley.

Inherited Her Talent.

Ellen Terry was born in Coventry, England, on February 27, 1847. Her tal-

ent for the stage was an inheritance from both her mother and father, the former being an Irish actress, and her father, Benjamin Terry, being counted among the popular players in London and the provinces. Two sisters, Kate and Marion, and a brother, Frederick Terry, won distinction on the stage.

Miss Terry appeared in London at the age of nine years, when she played Puck in Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kean's production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream." It was in the following year while she was playing the same role in Manchester that Sir Henry Irving made his debut on the stage. The young players, however, did not become acquainted until some years later, when they were both members of a stock company at Bath. The joint appearance of Ellen Terry and Henry Irving was made only after the latter had recognized in Miss Terry what he believed to be the greatest talent of any woman on the English stage. This was in 1878 when Sir Henry became his own manager and lessee of the Lyceum Theatre.

Terry and Irving.

For years Miss Terry and Irving worked together. His greatest triumphs and her most notable successes were made when they were joint stars. Every memorable production that Sir Henry made was intimately associated with Miss Terry, and when he came to America without his famous leading woman the loss was keenly felt.

The long association of these two players continued until Sir Henry was knighted and the demand upon his purse then became so great that he was compelled to economize, and this, it is asserted, proved distasteful to Miss Terry. She determined to go out at the head of her own company and met with such signal artistic and financial success that she decided to sever her connection with the Irving company.

Friendship, Not Love.

Her great friendship for the famous English actor frequently brought out the assertion from the public that a strong attachment existed between them, but it has been as frequently asserted that this was merely the strongest bond of friendship. The press, at the time of Sir Henry's funeral, made note of the fact that the handsomest floral piece was an immense blanket of laurel leaves, which was supposed to have come from Miss Terry, although it was sent anonymously. Miss Terry did not attend the funeral.

Miss Terry's greatest characterization is regarded to be Portia in "The Merchant of Venice," and one of her most popular roles is Nance Oldfield in a one-act play of that name, which Miss Terry recently presented here in connection with "The Good Hope."

"THE HUB" TO MOVE TO 14TH AND N. Y. AVE.

As the building of the new Hotel Randolph at the corner of Fourteenth street and Pennsylvania avenue will require the present tenants to vacate by September 1, when it is intended to begin building operations, Clarence H. Reizenstein, proprietor of "The Hub" men's furnishing store, found it necessary to select a new location and has secured the building at the southeast corner of Fourteenth street and New York avenue, long occupied by Simms' drug store.

As soon as he can secure possession the building will be entirely remodeled at a cost of from \$10,000 to \$12,000, and by September 1 "The Hub" will be transferred to new quarters. The name will still be retained, as Mr. Reizenstein is of the opinion that the new location has already made an excellent start to become the pivotal point of the retail trade and is convinced that in a very short time it will be the real center.

The drug store which has for so many years occupied the corner store will remain in the same location, the rest of the building facing on Fourteenth street having been rented them for that purpose by Mr. Reizenstein, who has become the lessee of the entire property for a long term of years. "The Hub" has been in its present quarters for twelve years, during which time it has taken front rank among the retail furnishing stores and in its high class of trade that has given it such an excellent reputation. Until the new store can be secured business will be carried on as heretofore at the corner of Fourteenth street and Pennsylvania avenue.

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PLUMBERS TALK OF OPEN SHOP; CRISIS FEARED

Contractor Casey Agrees
To Employ Union
Men.

Stalking behind the renewal of the trouble between the Master Plumbers' Association and the journeymen plumbers is the ghost of the open shop.

"The Allied Building Trades are on the job," was the way members of the committee of seventeen expressed it this morning, and unless some positive assurance is forthcoming within the next few days a crisis in building operations here may be reached.

The members of the committee of seventeen, representing the Allied Building Trades, and officials of local No. 5, Journeymen Plumbers' Union were disappointed this morning when they received word by telephone that Middaugh & Shannon, contractors for the Park Road houses, had not straightened out the work and the men would have to be ordered off the job but for a request from the contractors to give them until 3 o'clock this afternoon to fix the matter up. If union plumbers are not put to work in the place of the non-union plumbers at that hour, it was said, then all the other mechanics will lay down their tools.

On the promise of Contractor Casey, who is doing the plumbing on the building at the corner of Thirtieth and P streets northwest, that he will put his shop in shape, which means that he will employ union plumbers in place of the non-union men now at work, all the men continued at work. Mr. Casey, it was said today, will meet a committee from the journeymen and come to an understanding.

The statement issued by the Master Plumbers' Association giving their views on the recent meeting between the committee representing their association and the committee from local No. 5, Journeymen Plumbers' Union, is that it was never accepted by the journeymen that a master plumber could work under a non-union and come to an understanding.

Contractors Richardson and Burgess, who are doing the work on the Metropolitan Club, said today that they had no control over the plumbing, that that later they would probably give out a statement. They stated that they had no control over the plumbing, that that later they would probably give out a statement. They stated that they had no control over the plumbing, that that later they would probably give out a statement.

The men are still out, and all work on the Metropolitan Club is practically at a standstill, with the exception of the work being done by the non-union plumbers and the carpenters.

PARKS' VICTIM DEAD; SHOT AT SOLDIERS' HOME

James Leslie, the orderly at the Soldiers' Home, was shot yesterday noon by William Parks, died later in the stomach immediately after rounding Leslie, died instantly. Both bodies were removed to the morgue.

SUMMER TRAVEL GUIDES.

The numerous requests from users of the Public Library for summer travel literature proved the appreciation of the public of the exhibition held two years ago. This exhibit has been renewed this spring with a much larger collection of travel pamphlets issued by the principal railway and steamboat companies of the country. A large collection of foreign material is to be found, with dates of sailing and maps. Many of these pamphlets are descriptive, finely illustrated, and attractive as well as useful to those contemplating a summer outing. They may be found in the room to the left of the open-shelf room.

MARVIN INQUEST MOST EXHAUSTIVE, JURORS PROMISE

Will Begin Thursday If
Stomach Test Is
Over.

DOVER, Del., May 7.—Coroner Callaway's jury may be called together on Thursday morning for the inquest proper on the Marvin case. Should Dr. Albert Robin be unable to finish his bacteriological test of the child's stomach in four days, as he now expects, then the inquest will not begin until Monday, as the jury admits that it will take two days and a part of a third for all the evidence it has already planned to hear.

REMARKABLE ADVENTURE OF TWO STRAY LETTERS

Two letters, which had been found under circumstances which give to the matter a somewhat romantic interest, have reached the division of dead letters, having been transmitted from Guayaquil, Ecuador, with a letter addressed to the Postmaster General by Alejandro Mann, who explained that while on a pleasure cruise in his private yacht "Scotia" he called at the postoffice of "Bay" in the Galapagos or "Torre Islands," a group in the Pacific off the west coast of Ecuador, and near the Equator. Upon examining a barrel, which was placed there many years ago by the British government for the reception of mail, for the accommodation of passing vessels, he found in it the two letters mentioned, apparently intended for delivery in the United States. Both were written in October, 1896, and well as somewhat damaged by insects, the addresses are fairly legible, and it is probable they will reach the hands of those for whom they were intended, through the postmasters at the office of destination.

H. C. RUSSELL APPEARS; ASKS FOR REHEARING

Private H. C. Russell, of the Fourth police precinct, convicted recently by the police trial board for insubordination and sentenced to pay a fine of \$20, was before the Commissioners for a rehearing of the case. He was represented by Wilton J. Lambert.

Private Russell while having his measure taken for a new uniform wanted some changes put into it as to the matter of close fit of the coat at the waist, when Inspector Cross, who was present, objected as in violation of uniform regulations. It is alleged that Private Russell resented Inspector Cross' remarks, but afterward apologized. It was on this charge he was tried. The Commissioners will consider the case.

AND A WATER TRUST!

The formula for burning ashes included two ounces of oxalic acid to the gallon of water. The next thing in order is an Oxalic Acid Trust—Philadelphia Press.

MANILA RESIDENTS CANNOT GET HOME

Shortage of Transports
Caused by Troop
Movement.

Complaint has been received in Washington from Manila about the lack of transportation facilities for persons desiring to return from the islands to the home land. The outpouring of troops from the island is largely responsible for the congestion.

Early in the spring announcement was made by the Philippine government that 125 school teachers had resigned to go home; that 200 other teachers were going home on vacations. Between 250 and 300 other employees in the government service have either resigned or desire to leave the islands on vacations. The transports are crowded with soldiers, and the civil employees remain behind to kick.

The advanced bookings at Hongkong on all liners to the United States are reported from Manila to be filled two months ahead, and even all first-class accommodations on liners sailing from Hongkong for Europe were reserved six weeks ago up to June 5.

DOG HOSPITAL ANNOYS BETHESDA CITIZENS

The law and order committee of the Bethesda Citizens' Association has been directed by that association to take immediate steps for the removal from the corporate limits of that municipality of a dog hospital which has been a source of great annoyance to citizens there for some time past.

Resolutions of appreciation were adopted thanking the Washington Railway and Electric Company for a better car service just put on.

GARRISH RESIDENCE BURNED, WITH LOSS OF \$100,000

NEW CANAAN, Conn., May 7.—The costly residence of John Brown Garrison has been destroyed by fire, entailing a loss estimated at \$100,000. The cause of the fire is unknown.

THIS WEATHER DEVELOPS MALARIA

You Should Take Babek Today to Be
Immune From the Bite of the
Infectious Mosquito.

This spell of damp weather will be the means of a large breeding of malarial mosquitoes in the lowlands, as well as in stagnant water collecting in rain-spots and other receptacles around the houses.

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